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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT:SURVEY OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC ARMED FORCES

1. TENTATIVE PLANS OF US SURVEY TEAM TO ASSESS THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARRIVE JIDDA ON OR ABOUT 21 OCT. TO COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY (AND WITH MODA RIYADH, IF NECESSARY.)

B. PROCEED TO SANAA ON OR ABOUT 23 OCT. AND BEGIN SURVEY ON 26 OCT.

C. RETURN TO JIDDA ON OR ABOUT 3 NOV. AND COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY AND MODA (RIYADH) PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR US DURING WEEK OF 4 NOVEMBER. REQUEST COMMENTS. IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH MODA PRIOR TO SURVEY, WHEN COULD THIS BE SCHEDULED?

D. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF COL. WILLIAM A. FIFER, US ARMY (TEAM CHIEF) AND THREE OTHER OFFICERS FROM CONUS. GENERAL HILL HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ONE OFFICER FROMUSMTM FOR THE TEAM. NAMES OF OTHER CONUS TEAM MEMBERS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP. WE CAN SEE SOME POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE IN HAVING A SAUDI OBSERVER ATTACHED TO THE TEAM.

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REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS, IF YOU FEEL IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE

A SAUDI OBSERVER AND, IF YOU CONCUR, PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

E. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, THE SURVEY TEAM WILL BE UNABLE TO EXIT VIA USEUCOM FOR AN OUT-BRIEFING. HOWEVER, WHEN COMPLETED, THE SURVEY REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO JCS FOR STAFFING WITH USCINCEUR.

2. COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR TEAM ASSUMED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

3. P & A DATA IN RESPONSE TO JIDDA 5143 POUCHED SEPARATELY TO JIDDA AND SANAA 11 OCT. 74. INGERSOLL

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